Rabies deaths in Delhi

1114. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of number of persons dying in Delhi due to rebies are increasing;

(b) if so, the details of last three years;

(c) whether there is any shortage of anti-rabies vaccine in Government hospitals in the city; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) As reprorted by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence, the number of deaths due to rabies in Delhi during the last three years are as follows:

Year	Deaths
2003	7
2004	13
2005	11

(c) and (d) There is no shortage of anti rabies vaccine in the Central Government hospitals in Delhi. As reported by Municipal corporation of Delhi (MCD), there is sufficient stock of anit-rabies vaccine in the anti rabies treatment centers of MCD.

Prevention of bird flu among human beings

1115. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any contingency plan ready to prevent recurrence of bird flu virus in human population in the country in coming months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has a contingency plan to manage human cases of Avian Influenza. The plan includes active surveillance, preventive public health measures, clinical management, stockpiling of specific drugs, personal protective equipments and IEC activities.

This plan was operationalized during the outbreak of Avian Flue among poultry in Nundurbar and Jalgaon districts of Maharashtra, Surat District of Gujarat and Burhanpur district of Madhya Pradesh in February-April, 2006. Due to the coordinated action no human case of avain influenza was reported. This contingency plan would hold good for any reoccurrence of bird flu in human population in the country.

Recognizing foreign medical degree holders

1116. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indians who got their degree in medicine in Russia are not allowed/recognized to practice in India; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Act 2001 and the Medical Council of India Screening Test Regulation 2002, any Indian citizen possessing a primary medical qualification awarded by any medical institutions outside India, who is desirous of getting provisional or permanent registration with Medical Council of India or any State medical Council on or after 15th March, 2002 shall have to qualify in the Screening Test conducted by the prescribed authority for this purpose. The primary medical qualification possessed by the Indian students from foreign university must be a recognized medical qualification in that country in which the institution awarding the said qualification is situated.

Physical and mental deformities among the children of Chhattisgarh

1117. MS. MEBEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: